

Maryland Police Scholarship *Frequently Asked Questions*

1. How do I apply for the Maryland Police Officers Scholarship program?

Students must complete the Maryland Police Officers Scholarship application online through the [Maryland College Aid Processing System \(MDCAPS\)](#). Once the application is submitted, follow the prompts to view the documents required for further consideration of the scholarship.

2. What documents must the student submit for consideration?

Once the student submits the scholarship application, they must complete the *Institutional Certification Form* and *Employer Verification Form*. Both forms are downloadable under the “Check Application Status” link of their MDCAPS account.

If awarded, the student must electronically sign the Police Scholarship Master Promissory Note and Service Obligation Agreement in MDCAPS prior to receiving the award.

3. What is the deadline to submit the application and all required documentation?

The deadline to submit the application and all required documentation is **September 15, 2022**.

4. Is the FAFSA or MSFAA required for consideration of the Police Officers scholarship program?

No, students are not required to submit the FAFSA or MSFAA for consideration of the Police Officers Scholarship.

5. Is there a GPA requirement for the Maryland Police Officers Scholarship program?

No, there is no GPA required to qualify for the scholarship.

6. How should the required documentation be submitted?

All required documents must be submitted to MHEC by **SECURE UPLOAD** online through the student’s MDCAPS account.

Important Note: Similar to other scholarship programs, students will have an “incomplete” status (i.e. the ) in MDCAPS until all documentation is submitted. Once the student submits

all documentation, the status will change to “Qualified” and the Program Administrator will verify the eligibility of the student.

7. What type of Police Officer must an applicant be in order to meet the service obligation?

A recipient must work as a police offer as defined in [§ 3–201 of the Public Safety Article](#) in the State no less than five years during the eight-year period after graduation.

“Police Officers” include individuals who:

(i) are authorized to enforce the general criminal laws of the State; and

(ii) are a member of one of the following law enforcement agencies:

1. the Department of State Police;
2. the Police Department of Baltimore City;
3. the police department, bureau, or force of a county;
4. the police department, bureau, or force of a municipal corporation;
5. the Maryland Transit Administration police force;
6. the Maryland Transportation Authority Police;
7. the police forces of the University System of Maryland;
8. the police force of Morgan State University;
9. the office of the sheriff of a county;
10. the police forces of the Department of Natural Resources;
11. the police force of the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of General Services;
12. the police force of a State, county, or municipal corporation if the special police officers are appointed under Subtitle 3 of this title;
13. the Housing Authority of Baltimore City Police Force;
14. the Baltimore City School Police Force;
15. the Crofton Police Department;
16. the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Police Force;
17. the Ocean Pines Police Department;
18. the police force of the Baltimore City Community College;
19. the police force of the Hagerstown Community College;
20. the Warrant Apprehension Unit of the Intelligence and Investigative Division in the Department;
21. the police force of the Anne Arundel Community College; or
22. the police department of the Johns Hopkins University established in accordance with Title Subtitle 12 of the Education Article.
23. a member of the Field Enforcement Bureau of the Comptroller's Office;
24. a member of the Field Enforcement Division of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission;
25. the State Fire Marshal or a deputy State fire marshal;
26. an investigator of the Intelligence and Investigative Division of the Department;
27. a Montgomery County fire and explosive investigator as defined in § 2-208.1 of the Criminal Procedure Article;

28. an Anne Arundel County or City of Annapolis fire and explosive investigator as defined in § 2-208.2 of the Criminal Procedure Article;
29. a Prince George's County fire and explosive investigator as defined in § 2-208.3 of the Criminal Procedure Article;
30. a Worcester County fire and explosive investigator as defined in § 2-208.4 of the Criminal Procedure Article;
31. a City of Hagerstown fire and explosive investigator as defined in § 2-208.5 of the Criminal Procedure Article; and
32. a Howard County fire and explosive investigator as defined in § 2-208.6 of the Criminal Procedure Article.

8. What type of institution must an applicant enroll in for consideration of the Police Officers Scholarship?

To receive the scholarship, students must attend a **four-year public senior higher education institution**. In other words, students must attend one of the below institutions for consideration of the Police scholarship:

Morgan State University
St. Mary's College of Maryland
Bowie State University
Coppin State University
Frostburg State University
Salisbury University
Towson University
University of Baltimore
University of Maryland, Baltimore
University of Maryland Baltimore County
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Maryland Eastern Shore
University of Maryland Global Campus

*Students attending a private institution or community college are **not** eligible for the scholarship.*